

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 165

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Andy Lyons upon being named Building Level Teacher of the Year at Barkers Mill Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Andy Lyons is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Andy Lyons has been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at Barkers Mill Elementary School (BMES); this honor is most befitting his outstanding tenure as teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, conferred by his peers, honors and recognizes Mr. Lyons for his many valuable contributions to his students, his school and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, a 2000 graduate of Union University, Andy Lyons went on to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyons currently teaches Kindergarten and serves as the After-School Program Administrator at Barkers Mill Elementary; during his seven years teaching in Tennessee public schools, he has also taught Kindergarten at St. Bethlehem Elementary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyons has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity throughout his outstanding tenure at BMES; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Mr. Lyons is a member of the Clarksville Montgomery County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa, and the National Science Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andy Lyons is a natural leader among his fellow teachers; some of his extensive leadership activities currently include the Leadership Team; the New Teacher/Mentor Program, of which he serves as Director; the School Improvement Plan, of which he serves as Building Chair; the Administrative Team; Leadership Academy II; and the Data Protocol Team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, just a few of his numerous awards include 2006 Crayola Gold Star Teacher, 2006 Building Level Teacher of the Year at St. Bethlehem, 2005-2006 Chair of Excellence in Technology, Shoney's Teacher of the Month for August 2005 and March 2006, Fire Mountain Teacher of the Month for February 2005, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Andy Lyons considers his community to be anywhere that is within his influence, and he chooses to use his influence in the best possible ways; as he devotes his time and talents to a program he implemented to educate and encourage first-year teachers, which helps them become effective members of the community; he also serves in many capacities for his church community; and

WHEREAS, Andy Lyons is an active member of his church where he serves as a small group leader for kindergarten children, mentors young men in middle and high school, and led a team that worked with mentally challenged adults; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyons is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyons truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Andy Lyons epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Andy Lyons upon being named

Building Level Teacher of the Year by his peers at Barkers Mill Elementary School, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.